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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 5270

Takanori SHINOKI et al.

Docket No. 2000_0465A

Serial No. 09/529,255

Group Art Unit 1771

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Examiner John J. Guarriello

SUPPORT MEMBER FOR SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: